



12th October 2018

Children First – Aspire – Challenge – Achieve

Dear parents and carers,

It always amazes me how quickly the weeks go by! This week we have had more exciting events. The week started with our Harvest Festival - thank you very much for all your kind donations which will go to Caring Hands Harvest Heroes.

Year 6 have had a busy week. Some have participated in Bikeability - it was great seeing them listen carefully to the instructors while they practised on the playground. On Wednesday there was a trip to the Royal Albert Hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and have been writing excellent recounts of it in their English lessons. Their excitement was only slightly dented by the terrible traffic they encountered on the way home. I'd like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers who were picking their children up - your patience and understanding was very much appreciated.

It was great to see lots of parents at the Maths Workshop for Year R - the fishing rods looked like an excellent idea!

Many of us tucked into an intergalactic 'Stargazers' lunch of 'Meteor Shower Pasta' with 'Anti-gravity pudding' for afters. It was absolutely delicious!

It is set to be a warm weekend - I hope you enjoy it very much.

Mrs J Murphy, Headteacher
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- Please take note that New Horizons' new contact number is 0333 360 2115. Please delete the old number.
- **Year 2** – Creepy Claws payments are now overdue. Please make the payment of £2.50 if you haven't already done so.
- Please be advised that the following clubs are cancelled next week due to parents evening:
 - Monday** - Science, Year 6 Writing, Year 6 News, Year 1 Reading, Year 2 Maths, Year 3 Reading
 - Wednesday** - Year 5 Aim High, Year 2 Reading, Year 1 Magical Mathematicians
 - Thursday** - Year 1 Phonics
 - Friday** - Year 6 Reading, both Year 6 Maths
- **All other clubs will be running as normal.**
- The mobile library is visiting on Monday all children should bring their books for changing and their library cards.





Nursery

In Nursery we have been creating patterns from all different sorts of materials. We have looked at spiral shapes and zig-zag patterns. We have been influenced by the artist Andy Goldsworthy.



Reception

In Reception we have continued with our Phonic learning. We know all about the letters s,a,t and p. We can identify words that start with these phonemes. We have also started to learn how to form them correctly. We will be working hard all year to learn to read phonemes and write graphemes (letters) then words.



Year 1

In English we worked as a group to recall our morning routine. In Maths we have been investigating longer and shorter with different objects. In Science we used our hands to investigate how many dots were on a dice without our use of sight.

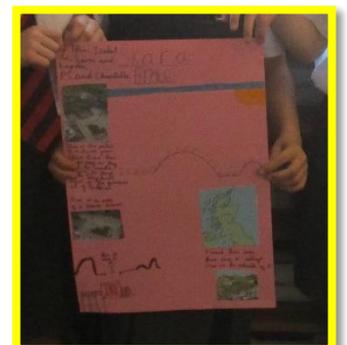


Year 2

In Year 2 we have been busy writing a story and looking at the features of non-chronological reports. We will be using these features to help us write our own stories based on a mini beast of our choice. In Maths we have been consolidating our work on time and solving problems based around time. In Science we have continued to look at different habitats and considered the ways that plants and animals have adapted in order to survive.

Year 3

We have been continuing to learn about the Stone Age by researching and presenting information about Skara Brae, a Stone Age settlement that still exists today! We found out that they built houses out of stone and arranged their houses in villages. These children from Cherry Class are presenting the facts they found out.



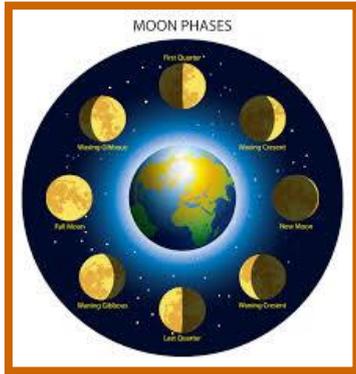


Year 4

In Maths this week we have been learning how to add to number sequences. In our English learning, we have been writing a non - chronological report to show off our knowledge of the Romans. To finalise our science learning, we investigated how



far our voice could travel. For next week, please could the children bring in any spare boxes so we can make Roman shields.



Year 5

In Year 5 in our learning we have travelled the universe - we have visited Meerkats in the desert and travelled to the moon on a space rocket where we met an alien. Where will our travels take us next? We have been working exceptionally hard on our multiplication in Maths and conjunctions in English. We have also been investigating the phases of the moon.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful week! After doing all their tests last week, we have been looking through them and seeing where we can improve on. Children are really showing growth mind-set when it comes to seeing their mistakes and working on them to improve them. This week we started learning about short division in maths and next week we will be tackling long division. We had a wonderful afternoon at The Royal Albert Hall enjoying beautiful music and song and immersed in the ambience of the magnificent theatre. It really was a "WOW" moment when we walked in.



The wonderful experience made the long journey worthwhile and the children were a credit to the school! Next week we are going to be focusing on Black History so our homework is going to be related to that. Have a lovely weekend!

Thinking task of the week

Discuss this question:

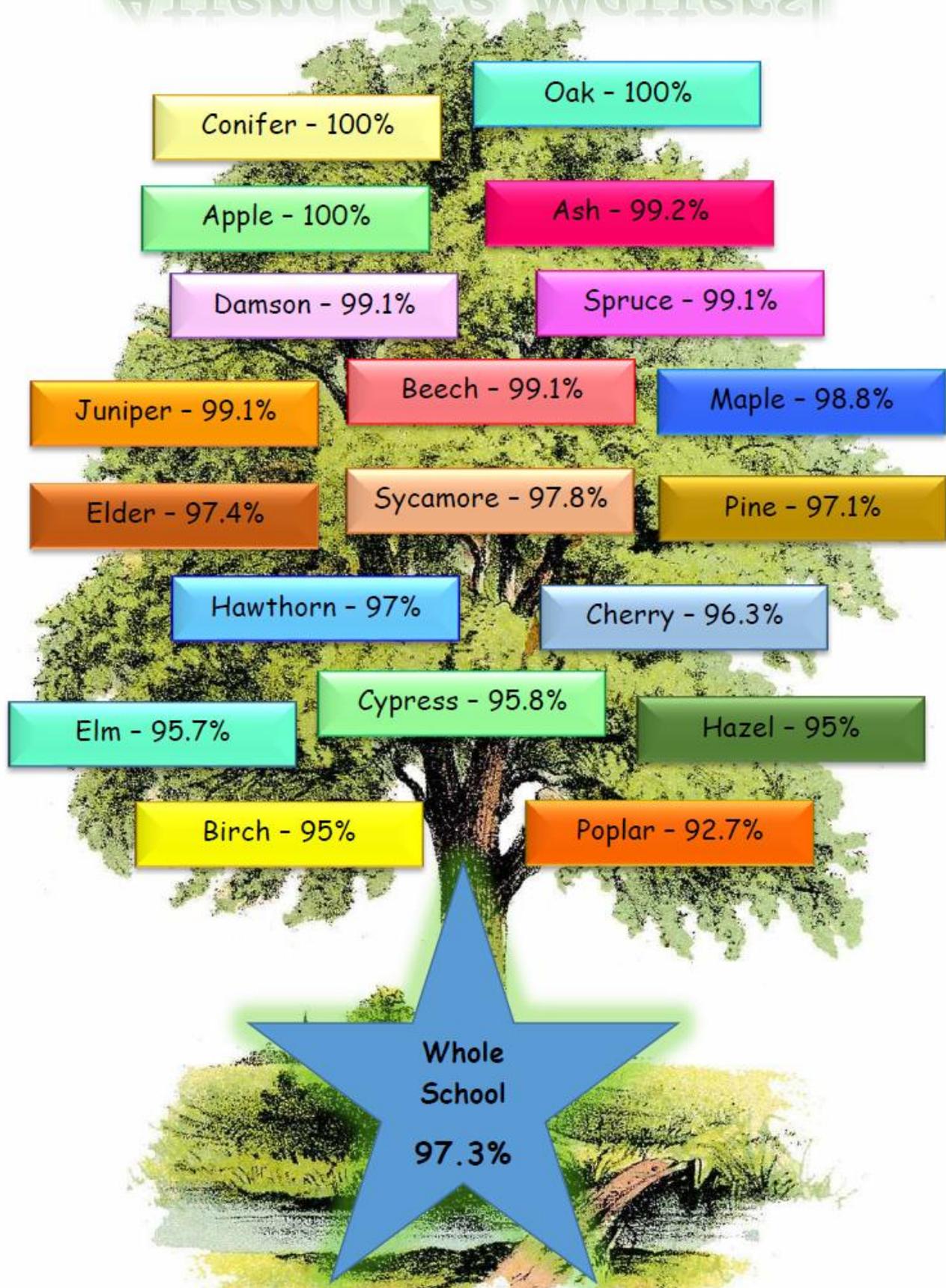
What is the same about a horse and a computer?



Next week's Think...

Can you love someone too much?

Attendance Matters!



Attendance is very important to us as we cannot teach your child if they are not in school. Of the 365 days in each year 190 are school days which leaves 175 non-school days to spend with family, have visits, take holidays and attend appointments.

Buster's Book Club

This week our winning class is Beech for the most number of children meeting their reading target on Wednesday evening. They each win a free voucher for Planet Ice in Gillingham.

Alongside Beech a huge congratulations to Conifer who although were beaten this week by just 1 child the number of children reading this week is amazing compared to last week.

Well done to everybody who read at home this week and got your bookmark signed. With 1 week to go until the end of term, Beech remain in the lead for the amount of readers who have met their target. They are closely followed by Cherry and Damson Classes. Can anybody beat Beech next week?

Dates for your Diary - Term 1

Tuesday 16th October - Year 2 - Creepy Claws Workshop in School

Tuesday 16th October - Parents Evening - Whole School - 4:00-7:30

Wednesday 17th October - Parents Evening - Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 - 4:00-6:00

Wednesday 17th October - Nursery - Parents' Celebration Cookery - AM Nursery - 10:50am

Wednesday 17th October - Nursery - Parents' Celebration Cookery - PM Nursery - 2:30pm

Thursday 18th October - Year 1 - 1:15pm - 2:15pm - Memory Box event - Parents invited

Thursday 18th October - Year R - End of term 'Mr Big Party'

Thursday 18th October - Parents Evening - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 4:00-6:00

TEAM POINTS

This week the 'Holcombe Cup' has been awarded to Castle.

Attendance Ace	Apple, Conifer and Oak with 100% Well Done!	
Punctuality Penny	Damson, Elm and Oak with 0 lates!	
Golden Tie	Congratulations to:	
	Beech - Michael	Damson - Finn
	Hazel - Nia	Conifer - Archie
	Maple - Nyah	Hawthorn - Frank
	Birch - Esson	Poplar - Kairan
	Pine - Bobby	Juniper - Taite
	Spruce - Shiloh	Sycamore - Callum
	Apple - Vihaan	Cypress - Oreoluwa
	Cherry - Ruby	Elder - Orlando
Achievement Alley	Beech - Kyle	Conifer - Kairan
	Hazel - Aston	Hawthorn - Nathan
	Maple - Yaseen	Poplar - Tegan
	Birch - Niko	Juniper - Caden H
	Pine - Narhngua	Sycamore - Thabo
	Spruce - Dunni	Cypress - Temi
	Apple - Ellie	Elder - Grace
	Cherry - Ariyan	
	Damson - Gracie G	